



SEARCH IN PROGRESS!

IN WHICH
CASE, YOU
CAN REALLY
CONSIDER
LAST YEAR'S
INCIDENT THE
RETURN OF
THE CURSE..

THE CURSE
OF OYASHIRO-
SAMA ALWAYS
CAME IN A
PAIR, WITH
ONE DYING
AND ONE
GOING
MISSING.

PRETTY
SCARY,
HUH?



EHEHE, I JUST
LEARNED THIS
WHILE DOING
SOME RESEARCH
ABOUT THIS
VILLAGE.

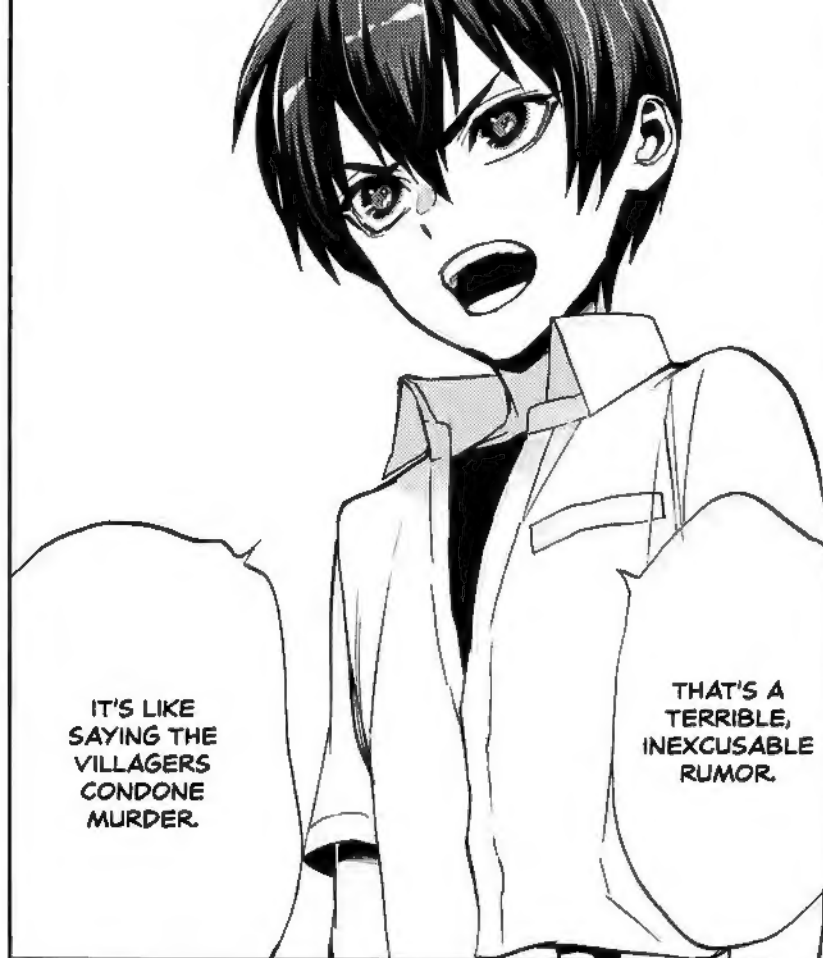
YOU KNOW
A LOT,
MARUTAKE-
SAN.

EVEN RUMORS
THAT... THE CURSE
OF OYASHIRO-SAMA
IS A SYSTEM
ALLOWING ENEMIES
OF THE VILLAGE TO
BE KILLED OFF,
UNDER THE NAME
OF A CURSE.

TRUTH BEHIND
THE LEGEND
ALIENS?

IT'S ALL
OVER THE
INTERNET.

THE
OYASHIRO-
SAMA ALIEN
THEORY, THE
PARASITE
THEORY,
CRAZY STUFF
LIKE THAT.



IT'S LIKE SAYING THE VILLAGERS CONDONE MURDER.

THAT'S A TERRIBLE, INEXCUSABLE RUMOR.

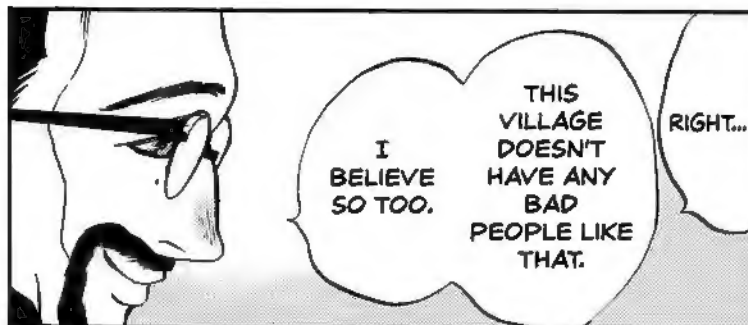


WHEN I FIRST READ IT, I LET OUT AN AWFUL SCREAM AND PRACTICALLY FELL OUT OF MY CHAIR.

HOW TERRIFYING...



?



I BELIEVE SO TOO.

THIS VILLAGE DOESN'T HAVE ANY BAD PEOPLE LIKE THAT.

RIGHT...

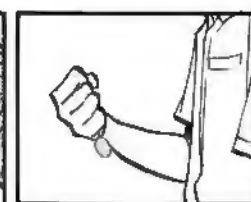


KAYTARO...



AND I HOPE THIS VILLAGE GETS RECOGNIZED AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE...

IT WOULD BE NICE IF NOTHING HAPPENS AT THIS YEAR'S WATANAGASHI.





...WHAT
IS IT?



YOU'VE
ALREADY SAID
THIS MUCH, SO
PLEASE TELL
US.

?

I DON'T
REALLY LIKE
TALKING
ABOUT THESE
THINGS, BUT...

HMM...



YOU SHOULD
BE CAREFUL
AROUND
POLARIS.

TO BE
HONEST,
THE RUMORS
SURROUNDING
THEM DON'T
SOUND TOO
GOOD.

THEY WANT NO
CONTACT WITH
ANYONE OUTSIDE
THEIR FAMILY...
PLUS...

BUT
THEY
SEEM
EXTREMELY
CLOSED-OFF
AND
EXCLUSIVE.

IT WOULD BE
FINE IF THEY
WERE JUST
LIVING TOGETHER
AS A MAKESHIFT
FAMILY.

THEY'RE
KNOWN FOR
MAKING A BIG
RUCKUS UNDER
THE GUISE OF
FESTIVALS FOR
THEIR OWN
REASONS...

...AND
DISOBEYING
ALL THE LOCAL
RULES...

EVEN BEFORE
THEY MOVED HERE,
I HAD HEARD
THERE WAS A LOT
OF TENSION
BETWEEN THEM
AND SURROUNDING
RESIDENTS.

LEAVE US
ALONE!

GET
OUT!

WHAT A
PAIN

DISAPPEAR!

AN
INCIDENT?

AND THERE WAS A
SERIOUS INCIDENT.



....?!

ON TOP OF
THAT, THE TWO
PERPETRATORS
COMMITTED
SUICIDE IN THE
FIRE. IT WAS A
TERRIBLE
INCIDENT.



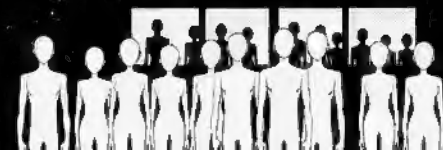
...THEN
MASSACRED
HER ENTIRE
FAMILY AND
SET THE
HOUSE ON
FIRE.

A YOUNG
BOY AND
GIRL FROM
POLARIS
BROKE INTO
HER HOUSE...

YOU'D
EASILY FIND
THIS BY
SEARCHING
ONLINE,
BUT...

ONCE, A
SINGLE HOUSE
WITH THIRTY
POLARIS
MEMBERS
LIVING THERE
GOT INTO A
HUGE QUARREL
WITH A HOUSE-
WIFE LIVING
NEXT DOOR.

AND
THE
RESULT,
WELL...





AND
SUICIDE...?!

ARSON?
MASSACRING
AN
ENTIRE
FAMILY...?

BUT THANKS TO
THAT INCIDENT,
THE POLARIS
FAMILY SOCIETY
BECAME WELL
KNOWN AMONG
NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH GROUPS.

THE POLICE
SUSPECTED
THAT POLARIS
ORCHESTRATED
THE CRIME, BUT
IN THE END,
THEY
APPARENTLY
COULDN'T FIND
ENOUGH
EVIDENCE.



THE PEOPLE
OF POLARIS
WOULD DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...?!

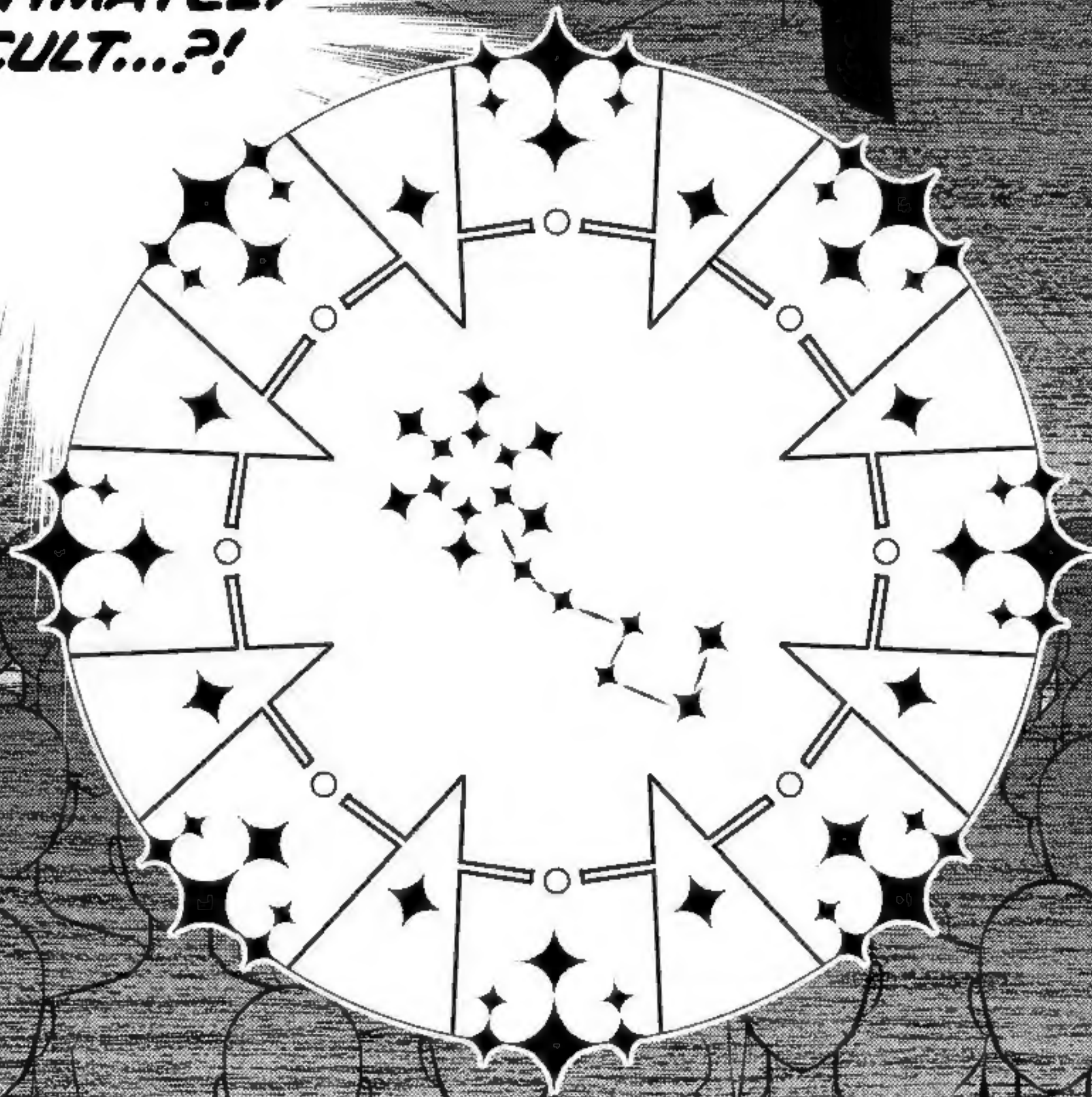
THEY'RE...

BUT...
ARSON?
KILLING
PEOPLE? AND
COMMITTING
SUICIDE IN THE
FIRE? NO
MATTER HOW
YOU LOOK AT
IT THAT'S JUST
NOT RIGHT.

I CAN
UNDERSTAND
WHY THEY
WOULD HATE
COMMUNICATION.



**THEY'RE
LEGITIMATELY
A CULT...?!**



HERE COMES
POLARIS, ALL
HEADING
HOME
TOGETHER.

SPEAK
OF THE
DEVIL.

OH,







INORI-
CHAN...

KURURU...



...HOW
SURPRI-
SING.

...ARE
WITH
POLARIS...

BOTH
OF
THEM...



THE
POLARIS
FAMILY
SOCIETY...

IF WHAT
MARUTAKE-
SAN TOLD
ME IS
CORRECT,
THEY'RE A
CULT THAT
WON'T
HESITATE
TO USE
SUICIDE OR
MURDER AS
WEAPONS...

...HMM.
COULD IT
BE...?

THE CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-SAMA
WAS REVIVED
SHORTLY AFTER
THE PEOPLE OF
POLARIS MOVED
IN...



AND
HUN-
DREDS
OF
THEM,
AT
THAT...

THESE
CRAZY
FANATICS
MOVED
INTO THIS
VILLAGE,
RIGHT
UNDER OUR
NOSES?



**JUST WHAT
THE HECK ARE
THEY TRYING
TO DO HERE
IN THIS
VILLAGE?!**

**WHAT
ARE THEY
THINKING...?!**

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